

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2005-246-C - ORDER NO. 2005-528
SEPTEMBER 26, 2005

IN RE: Application of Sprint Nextel Corporation for)	ORDER GRANTING
Approval of the Transfer of Control of United)	ADMISSION PRO HAC
Telephone Company of the Carolinas, Sprint)	VICE
Long Distance, Inc. and Sprint Payphone)	
Services, Inc. from Sprint Nextel Corporation)	
to LTD Holding Company.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Motion of Scott Elliott, Esquire, for Admission of William R. L. Atkinson to practice before the Commission *pro hac vice*. Mr. Elliott petitions for William R. L. Atkinson to appear before the Commission as counsel for Sprint Nextel Corporation (Sprint) in the hearing for Docket No. 2005-246-C regarding Sprint's application for approval for the transfer of control of United Telephone Company of the Carolinas, Inc., Sprint Long Distance, Inc. and Sprint Payphone Services, Inc.

Mr. Atkinson serves as counsel for Sprint's office located at 3065 Cumberland Circle, Atlanta, Georgia, and is a member in good standing of the bar of the State of Georgia, according to the certificate attached to the application. Local counsel of record associated with Mr. Atkinson is Scott Elliott of the law firm of Elliott & Elliott, P.A., 721 Olive Street, Columbia, South Carolina. Additionally, Mr. Atkinson has included an affirmation that he will comply with the applicable statutes, law and rules of the State of South Carolina, that he is familiar with and will comply with the South Carolina Rules of

Professional Conduct, and that he will submit to the jurisdiction of the South Carolina courts and Commission on Lawyer Conduct.

It appears to this Commission that the proper *pro hac vice* application has been filed with the South Carolina Supreme Court and that the necessary affirmation has been made. The Deputy Clerk for Bar Admissions has certified receipt of the filing and that the filing fee has been paid. We believe that Mr. Atkinson meets the qualifications for admission to practice before the Commission at the hearing in Docket No. 2005-246-C *pro hac vice* and that he should be so admitted.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. William R. L. Atkinson, Esquire, is a member in good standing of the bar of the State of Georgia, and through Motion of local counsel, William R. L. Atkinson has moved for his *pro hac vice* admission to practice before the Commission at the hearing on Docket No. 2005-246-C.

3. Proper application has been filed, the filing fee has been paid, and the necessary affirmation has been made, as required by SCACR 404.

4. Mr. Atkinson has associated South Carolina counsel.

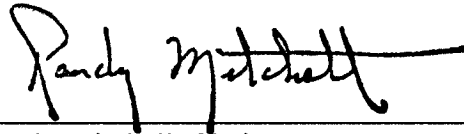
5. The Motion for *pro hac vice* admission in this proceeding should be granted.

ORDER

The Motion of Scott Elliott, Esquire, for *pro hac vice* admission of William R. L. Atkinson to practice before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina at the hearing on Docket No. 2005-246-C is granted.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "G. O'Neal Hamilton", with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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